

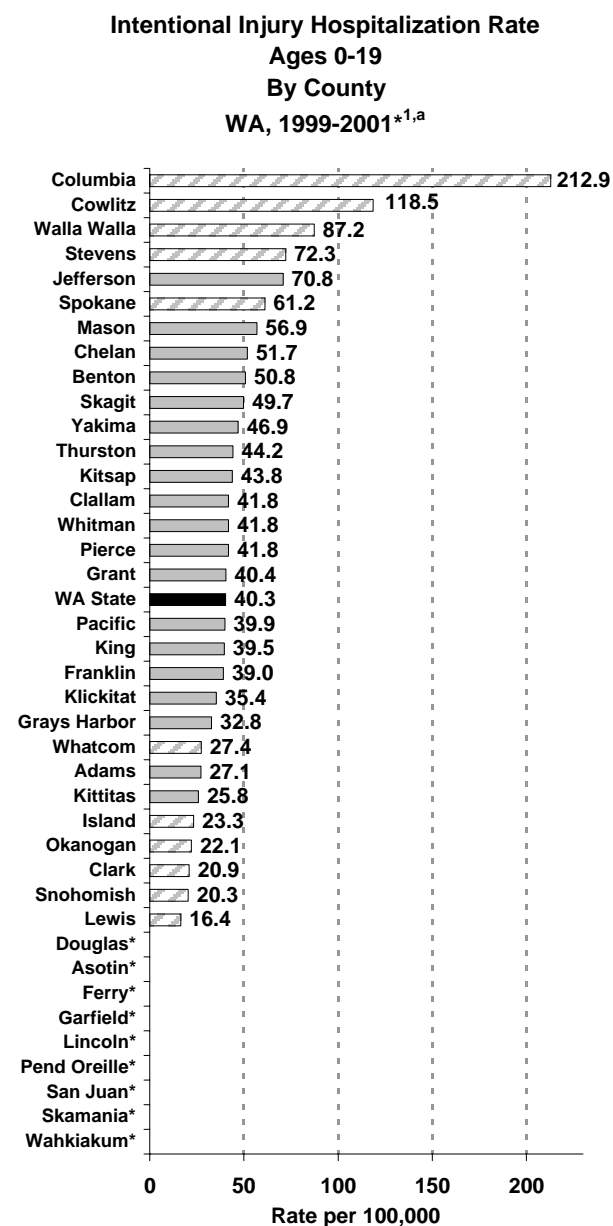
Intentional Injury Hospitalizations

Definition: Intentional injury hospitalizations are those due to assault (ICD-9 codes E960-E969), or attempted suicide (ICD-9 codes E950-E959) as the primary E-code.^a The data source is the Washington State Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System, (CHARS). Patients hospitalized more than once with the same diagnosis are counted as separate incidents.

Key Findings

- ❖ In 2001, there were 700 nonfatal hospitalizations due to intentional injury for Washington state residents ages 0-19, for a rate of 41.3 per 100,000. This represents a 31% decline from the 1989 rate of 59.8 per 100,000^{1,2}
- ❖ In 2001, 401 Washington adolescents ages 15-19 (or 92.2 per 100,000) were hospitalized after a suicide attempt.¹
- ❖ The intentional injury hospitalization rates for 1999-2001 were highest in Washington children ages 15-19 years and in infants.¹
- ❖ From 1999-2001, Washington females ages 0-19 had a significantly higher intentional injury hospitalization rate than males.¹
- ❖ While the leading causes of intentional injury hospitalizations differ by age, for all Washington children ages 0-19 the most common causes for nonfatal intentional injury hospitalizations were poisoning, cutting/piercing, and struck by/against (which includes injuries caused by being struck by an object or person).³

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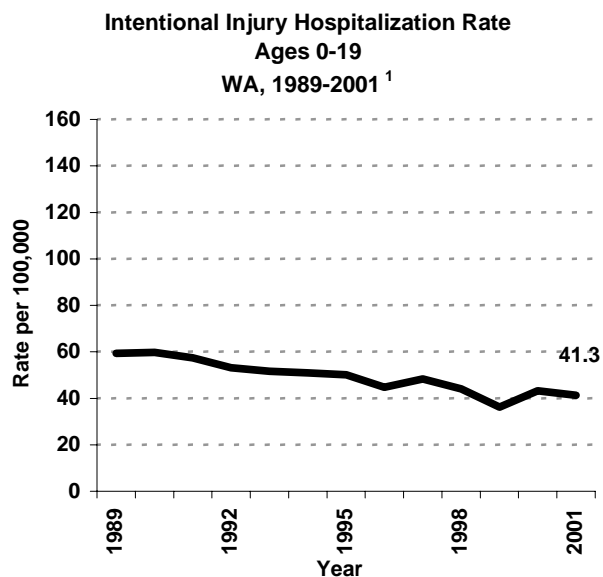


^{*}County rate not calculated if less than 5 events.

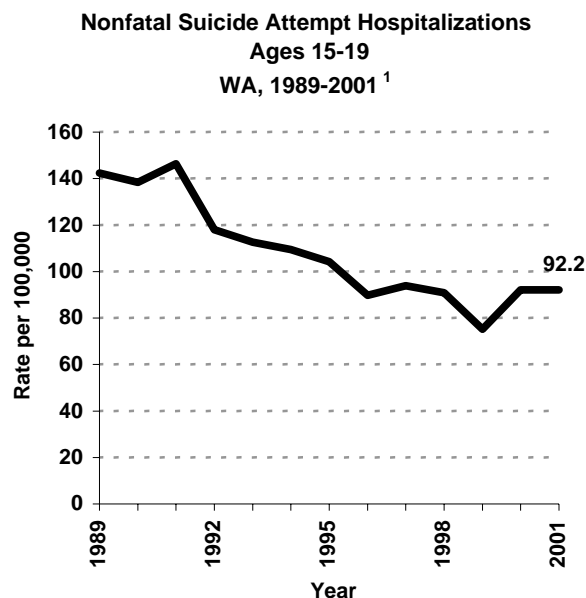
Significantly different from state rate

Intentional Injury - Hospitalizations (cont.)

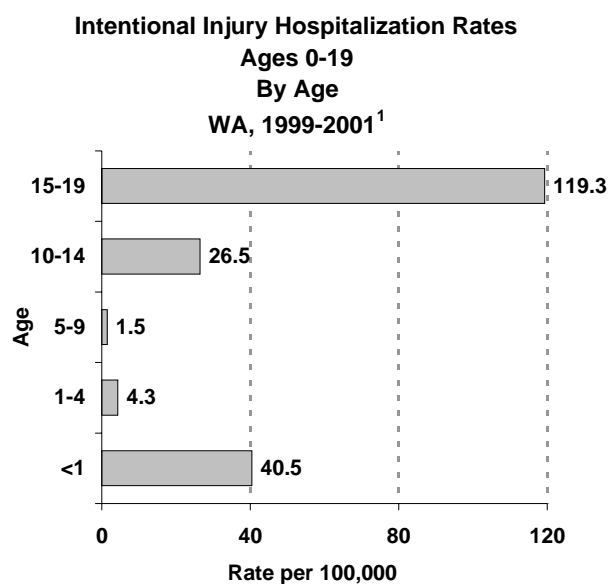
Time Trend



Suicide Attempts: 15 to 19 year olds



Age



Gender



Intentional Injury - Hospitalizations (cont.)

Leading Causes of Nonfatal Intentional Injury Hospitalizations 1997-2001, WA Children Ages 0-19 By Age³

Rank	Causes			
	Ages < 10*	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 0-19
1st	Struck by or against an object/ person	Poisoning	Poisoning	Poisoning
2nd	Cut/ pierce	Cut/ pierce	Cut/ pierce	Cut/ pierce
3rd	Firearm	Struck by or against an object/ person	Struck by or against an object/ person	Struck by or against an object/ person

**Age groups not broken down further due to small numbers of hospitalizations.*

Data Sources

- ¹ Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS), Washington State Department of Health, 1987-2001
- ² Analysis Software: Public Health - Seattle & King County, Epidemiology, Planning & Evaluation, Software for Public Health Assessment (VistaPHw), 1991-.
- ³ Injury Prevention and Safety Program, Washington State Department of Health:
http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Injury/Tables_update.htm .

Endnotes

- ^a Significance was determined based on 95% Confidence Intervals.